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#### Pride kickoff

Cheetah Gym parking lot, 5238 N. Clark St. Kick off Pride Fest weekend with the annual Backlot Bash in Andersonville. The outdoor party lasts three days and features acoustic sets by female musicians Friday, plus rock performances and a cash bar

throughout the weekend. 5-10 p.m. Friday.

\$10-\$15: backlotbashchicago.com.

**Brews, from A to Z** 

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#### Sounds from the Square

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Gather around the Logan Square monument for Summer Sessions on the Square, a monthly music showcase featuring acts selected by nearby favorite watering hole The Whistler. Rabble Rabble. L'Orchestre Super Vitesse and Thin Hymns perform. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday: summersessions onthesquare.org.



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#### **Human tripod march?**

Messner's Wrigleyville, 3553 N. Southport Ave. 773-325-0123

Get tied down with a stranger at the inaugural 3-Legged Pub Crawl, hosted by the organizers of the TBOX bar crawl. Participants are paired up at the starting location and move through nine bars, each with one leg tied to the other. 1:30-10 p.m. Saturday. \$7-\$10.



#### Life's a parade

Halsted Street and Belmont Avenue Pre-game before heading to

Boystown for the annual Chicago Pride Parade spectacle, featuring more than 250 entries such as floats, marching bands, dancers, elaborate costumes and more. Noon-3 p.m. Sunday.

» Find more picks for Pride Fest weekend on Pages 18 and 19.



#### **MORE INSIDE**

» Check out RedEye's Fest Fridays guide on Page 23 for this weekend's festival schedule.



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# CRUDE MATH

The International Energy Agency on Monday surprised oil traders by announcing the release of strategic government petroleum stockpiles in a bid to push down prices and support the global economy.

But just how big is the 60 million barrels of oil it plans to release over the next 30 days? REUTERS, SOURCES: EIA, IEA, BP CONVERSION FACTORS

# \$6.42 **BILLION**

The value of 60 million barrels based on the Brent crude oil benchmark.

3,815

The number of Olympic-size swimming pools you could fill with 60 million barrels of oil.



x 60,000,000

The number of standard-size American bath tubs the oil could fill, based on an average size of 42 gallons.

**50 DAYS** 

The number of days of lost Libyan output it is roughly equivalent to.



It is roughly two-thirds of just one day's global oil demand in the third quarter of this year, estimated by the IEA at more than 90 million barrels.

3 DAYS

It is just over three days of total U.S. oil consumption or 6.5 days of U.S. gasoline demand.

3.75%

It is just 3.75 percent of all emergency stocks held by the 28 member countries of the IEA, which currently total around 1.6 billion barrels 8.3%

It is the equivalent of 8.3 percent of the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which currently stands at 726.5 million barrels.

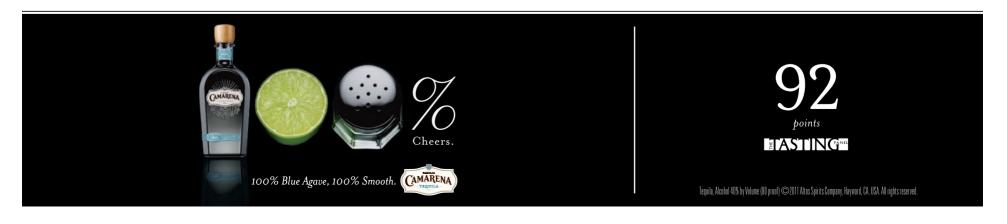
# 60 MILLION BARRELS



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#### **BACKGROUND**

The coordinated release of oil reserves by the U.S. and other major industrialized nations is aimed at addressing a "sustained, significant disruption" in oil supplies caused by the Libya conflict, the White House said Thursday. REUTERS





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#### **YOUR TURN**

What are your signs you've landed a catch that you may have to throw back? Send me an e-mail at kkyles@ tribune.com and please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we run it in the paper.

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Those smoldering, dark eyes.

That strategically tousled salt-and-pepper hair.

The mischievous smirk.

Yes, George Clooney is a catch.

Too bad you have to throw him back.

Clooney's no keeper.

Ask Italian model Elisabetta Canalis. On Wednesday, the couple announced to Us Weekly that their two-year relationship was kaput. What makes his reconfirmed bachelor status more stirring is Canalis' recent, evidently delusional quote in Chi, an Italian weekly:

"I could never be with someone who every time he opens his mouth says he doesn't want a child with me or marry me," Canalis said. Bet you she wants to pull a Hef and slap a sticker over that paragraph.

Of course, Canalis will be just fine, but for now, it's got to hurt. At least she can help us all glean some pearls o' wisdom. Here are hints, courtesy of Clooney and other Hollywood serial singletons, that you're dealing with the aisle-averse.

#### Fabulously FAILed marriage(s)

Halle Berry is the female Clooney. Like him, she is gorgeous, wealthy and charming. The duo shares another special trait: a really bad past marriage. For Berry, make that two. A whirl on the marriage-go-round with David Justice, followed by singer Eric Benet, soured Berry on the concept. She has said as much in interviews. Ditto for Clooney, most recently during a "Piers Morgan Tonight" interview. "I hate to blow your whole news story," Clooney said in January. "But I was married, so I gave it a shot." Not sure how Canalis got lost in translation.

#### No signs of settling down

Paris Hilton has been notoriously quiet since the years she made headlines for arrests, jail time and feuds with famous pals, including Kim Kardashian. But the newly single Hilton still isn't wifey material. For starters, she is on yet another reality show, which we all know isn't the best thing for romantic relationships. (See Wikipedia entries on: Jessica Simpson/Nick Lachey, Hulk/Linda Hogan.) If Hilton was as ready to settle down as she has purports to be, she'd be able to do it without a camera crew in tow. Same goes for your intended who wants to have guys/girls' night every night.

#### No ring or even ring discussion

This is a message brought to you by "duh," but it bears repeating. In a country where same-sex partners are protesting for the right to marry, be wary when your heterosexual partner won't make the slight sacrifice of stopping by Jared on the way home from work. Don't assume that because someone stays with you for two or more years that they are marriage-minded. When in doubt, ask,



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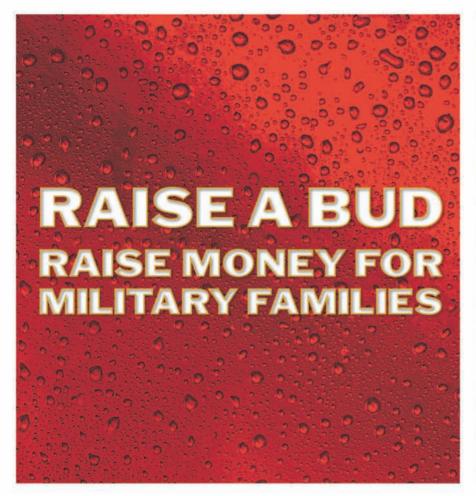
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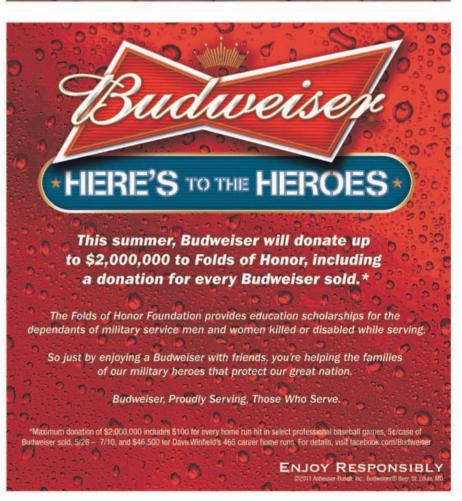
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# BOY, 13, KILLED

#### TEEN SHOT TWICE IN CHEST; ANOTHER YOUTH WOUNDED

#### **Chicago Tribune**

James Davis was walking outside his Southwest Side house to a nearby Family Dollar Store on Wednesday afternoon when he heard what sounded like a mixture of firecrackers and gunshots.

About a dozen people—small children and adults—outside the house at 62nd Street and Sacramento Avenue scattered, he recalled.

It wasn't until Davis, 50, returned about 10 to 20 minutes later that he saw the street cordoned off with yellow tape and the body of a young teen covered with a sheet in front of black wrought-iron gates across from his house.

Richard Gutierrez, 13, had been shot twice in the chest and died at the scene. His 16-year-old friend was wounded in the chest and reported in critical condition Thursday.

This morning, Davis stood in front of his residence and examined an apparent remnant of the shooting—a bullet hole in a nearby window leading to his basement bedroom. After spotting that evidence following the shooting, Davis said, he spent the night sleeping on the hardwood floor upstairs, something he's done on numerous occasions to steer clear of windows and away from the line of fire.

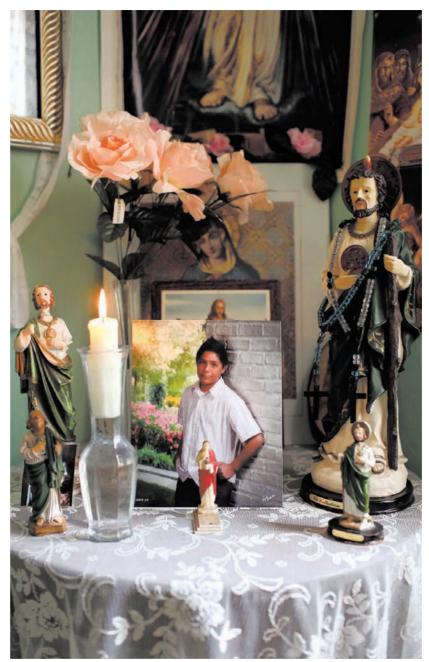
He said gang-ridden Chicago Lawn is the scene of frequent shootings.

"It's terrible that kids can't come outside and play," said Davis, who has lived in the neighborhood for more than 15 years. "There's no sugarcoating this. This is the real thing."

Gutierrez and the other teen were walking east on 62nd when they turned on Sacramento at about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday and encountered two other males who asked them their gang affiliation, police said.

The two denied being in a gang, but at least one of the other two males opened fire.

Detectives have been investigating the shooting, but no charges have been filed.



A portrait of the late Richard Gutierrez, 13, sits inside his family's home Thursday. Gutierrez was shot to death and another teen wounded Wednesday afternoon on the Southwest Side. WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE

# On your marks, get set ... build an app!

#### **By Leonor Vivanco**

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Chicago is looking for the next great app.
Mayor Emanuel has announced the
Apps for Metro Chicago competition,
encouraging tech-savvy residents to create and build mobile, Web or Facebook
applications to engage locals in two categories: transportation and community.

The 10 best apps in each category win money from \$300 to \$5,000. A separate, so-called grand challenge offers a \$10,000 prize. Prizes are provided by the MacArthur Foundation, Chicago Community Trust and the state.

The city has made it easier to get data by posting it online at **data.cityofchi cago.org**. Recent examples of available

information include lobbying data, city salaries and building permits.

"We have a history in Chicago of playing hide the ball when it comes to information and data," the mayor said Thursday. "We're now going to give you the roadmap to it and how to pull it up." More information at **appsformetro chicago.com**.

#### In other M-Rahm news

Rob Halpin, the former mayoral candidate and tenant of the current mayor's home, is moving out of the house on the North Side.

### 1-year-old boy safe after carjacking

A 1-year-old boy was found safe Thursday in the back seat of a car two hours after it was hijacked at gunpoint in Park Manor on the South Side, police say.

### CPS chief backs home-visit plan

New Chicago schools chief Jean-Claude Brizard expressed support Thursday for the idea of teachers and staff visiting students at home, even in some of the city's toughest neighborhoods.

### No cause reported in plane crash

A preliminary federal report about the emergency landing of a B-17 Flying Fortress in a cornfield near Oswego on June 13 does not state an exact cause of a fire that forced the landing and ultimately destroyed the vintage plane.

#### No Blago verdict yet

The jury deciding the fate of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich completed its ninth day of deliberations Thursday without reaching a verdict. The 11-woman, one-man jury is to resume deliberations on Monday.

### Visitation set for teen

Visitation for Taylor Stinchcomb, the 15-year-old killed in a car crash early Tuesday after she learned that her ailing dog might have to be put down, has been scheduled for Friday

### Broken finger, felony charges

A Chicago man faces felony charges after he tried to sell heroin to an undercover investigator then ran from Schaumburg police across the highway, at one point breaking an officer's finger.

#### \$400 MILLION

The Regional Transportation Authority said Thursday that service cuts could occur on the CTA, Metra and Pace as early as July if the state fails to pay part of the nearly \$400 million it owes the RTA. TRIBUNE

# FOOD REPORT

# Progress being made in city's fight against food deserts, study shows

#### **Chicago Tribune**

The number of Chicagoans living in so-called food deserts, where fruits and vegetables are difficult to find, has decreased by 39 percent in the past five years, a new report shows.

Residents in parts of Chicago's South Austin community, the South Loop and Morgan Park have seen their neighborhoods transform from food deserts to food oases, where healthy options are abundant, according to the study by the Mari Gallagher Research and Consulting Group.

Mari Gallagher's report for LaSalle Bank in 2006 revealed that 633,000 Chicago residents lived in communities without major supermarkets and had to travel farther to find healthy foods than people in other neighborhoods.

There has been some significant progress, Gallagher said in her recently released update. That's mainly because new stores have opened, bringing some residents more options, she said.

Still, some 383,954 Chicago residents live in communities where they have to travel farther to buy a fresh apple than they do to get a bag of potato chips or a greasy burger.

"You can fill [U.S.] Cellular Field 10 times over with the food-desert population," she said. "To a great degree, these families that are in low-access areas endure the problem over generations, and it has a compounded health effect."

Gallagher released her updated findings on Chicago's food access problem exclusively to

the Tribune this week.

Her report comes just a week after Mayor Emanuel held a food summit with grocery retailers to address the disparity. At his meeting, Emanuel said he will fast-track the permit, zoning and licensing procedures to encourage development of more grocers.

In her first study, Gallagher concluded that residents without access to healthy food were more likely to die prematurely of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other ailments.

Since 2006, new grocers have moved into some Chicago communities, offering residents more access to better food. For example, an Aldi opened in South Austin, improving access there.

In some cases, big box retailers added grocery marts to their stores, offering more residents access to healthier food.

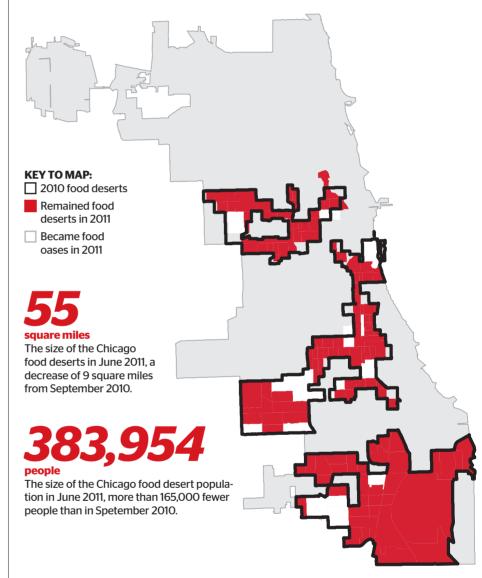
There have been other efforts too.

Last year, Walgreen Co. officials added fruit and vegetable stands to some stores in depressed areas. The Chicago Food Depository has started giving out fresh produce in needy communities and, most recently, Fresh Moves, a mobile fruit and vegetable stand, has been serving underprivileged communities on the West Side. But those efforts aren't included in Gallagher's study because it measures only stores where residents can get all of their food in one spot.

In her study, Gallagher measures the distance from every Chicago block to the nearest grocery store. She then developed a score to identify food deserts and food oases.

# Food deserts drying up across city neighborhoods

A new report shows the number of people living in areas without sufficient access to fresh food decreased 39 percent in the last five years, 30 percent in the last year alone. Some areas that were previously food deserts are now considered food oases, with abundant fresh fruits, vegetables and other healthy options.



SOURCE: MARI GALLAGHER RESEARCH AND CONSULTING GROUP

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# But there's still work to be done in many areas

#### Chicago Tribune

Although there has been good news with food deserts in some areas, Chicago neighborhoods such as Bronzeville and Roseland have seen little progress.

Neighborhoods with high concentrations of single mothers, children, the elderly and grandparents raising children are still farther from healthy food. And food deserts still tend to exist in poor communities where residents likely lack access to a car.

"You can't make healthy choices if you don't have access to it," researcher Mari Gallagher said. "In some of these neighborhoods, you can't even find two to three fruits or vegetables.

"And if you do, they cost a lot or are lowquality. If you find two bananas, they are beat up. They look like they both got into a fight with each other and lost."

Of Chicago's food-desert population, more than 100,000 are children, Gallagher's study shows.

About 70 percent of the food-desert population is African-American, and the remainder is equally split between whites and Latinos, she said.

"And if you do [find fruits or vegetables], they cost a lot or are low-quality. If you find two bananas, they are beat up. They look like they both got into a fight with each other and lost."

-food desert researcher Mari Gallagher



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#### Water plans revamped

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#### U.S. contractor killed in Iraq

An American contractor who worked with a U.S. government agency in Iraq was killed Thursday in a "terrorist attack" on a convoy in Baghdad, the State Department said. He was an international development and finance expert.

#### **Petraeus speaks at hearings**

Gen. David Petraeus told his Senate confirmation hearing Thursday that "I wanted this job" as he explained his willingness to retire from the military after 37 years to become CIA director.

#### **Postal carrier standoff**

Canadian members of Parliament will sit continuously, even overnight, until the House of Commons passes a law to force postal workers back to work and restore mail service, the Conservative government said Thursday.

#### **THE DIGIT**

Starting price of tickets to the LGBT Leadership Council gala Thursday in New York City. President Obama was to attend with celebrities including Neil Patrick Harris and Jane Lynch.

# **Twin Tower remnants** racing across country

**NEW YORK** As the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks nears, workers at an airplane hangar filled with World Trade Center steel have dispatched charred hunks of metal to towns across America for building

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the steel left behind when the World Trade Center collapsed, already has dispatched thousands of artifacts and is hoping to fill hundreds of last-minute requests before the 10th anniversary of 9/11, when many memorials

will be unveiled.

"These serve as centerpieces of history for towns all over the country," said Bill Baroni, deputy executive director of the Port Authority of New York.

"The public will have access to this piece of history displayed with honor, dignity and respect."

The most iconic pieces, such as the last standing column of the World Trade Center and an FDNY Engine 3 fire truck, will be on display at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum when it opens Sept. 12.

Most of the 12,000 pieces of steel the program began with have been sent to fire departments, police departments, and cities in 50 states and five countries that requested a piece of World Trade Center

"People have short memories," said Frank Byrnes, who was at the hangar to help escort a piece of steel donated to the St. James Fire District on Long Island. "If it raises public awareness, even after 10 years, then it's great."



#### A devil of a time

A member of the Dancing Devils of Naiguata dramatizes the struggle between good and evil Thursday during Corpus Christi celebrations near Caracas, Venezuela. GETTY IMAGES

# **16-year hunt for mobster** ends in arrest

LOS ANGELES Captured mobster James "Whitey" Bulger appeared relaxed Thursday at an L.A. hearing, where the 16-year fugitive learned he will be taken to Boston to face a string of chargesincluding 19 counts of murderdating to the early 1970s.

Bulger, the subject of a \$2 million FBI reward, has been living in a Santa Monica, Calif., apartment with his girlfriend, the FBI said Thursday.

A tip came in late Tuesday, FBI Special Agent Richard DesLauriers said. Less than 24 hours later, Bulger—one of the FBI's Top 10 Most Wanted fugitives and the inspiration for the 2006 movie "The Departed"—was in custody.



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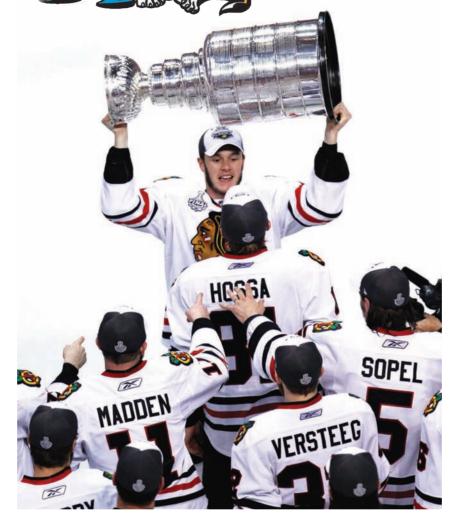
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### Whizzer says ...

RedEye's prognosticating pooch makes his too-early, knee-jerk predictions for each Hawks game this season.

DATE	OPPONENT	WHIZZER'S PREDICTION
Oct. 7	at Dallas	L
Oct. 8	Dallas	W
Oct. 13	Winnipeg	w
Oct. 15	Boston	W
Oct. 18	at Phoenix	L
Oct. 20	at Colorado	W
Oct. 22	Colorado	W
Oct. 25	Anaheim	L
Oct. 28	at Carolina	L
Oct. 29	Columbus	W
Oct. 31	Nashville	W
Nov. 3	at Florida	W
Nov. 4	at Tampa Bay	L
Nov. 6	Vancouver	W
Nov. 8	at St. Louis	L
Nov. 10	at Columbus	W
Nov. 11	Calgary	W
Nov. 13	Edmonton	W
Nov. 16	at Vancouver	L
Nov. 18	at Calgary	L
Nov. 19	at Edmonton	W
Nov. 23	at San Jose	L
Nov. 25	at Anaheim	L
Nov. 26	at Los Angeles	L
Nov. 29	Phoenix	W
Dec. 2	N.Y. Islanders	W
Dec. 3	at St. Louis	L
Dec. 5	Phoenix	W
Dec. 8	at N.Y. Islanders	<b>W</b>
Dec. 11	San Jose	L
Dec. 14	at Minnesota	L
Dec. 16	Anaheim	L
Dec. 18	Calgary	W
Dec. 20	at Pittsburgh	L
Dec. 21	Montreal	W
Dec. 26	Columbus	W
Dec. 28	L.A.	W
Dec. 30	Detroit	L
Jan. 2	Edmonton	W
Jan. 5	at Philadelphia	W
Jan. 6	Colorado	W
Jan. 8	Detroit	W



Can Jonathan Toews and the rest of the Blackhawks recapture their Stanley Cup magic from two seasons ago? Whizzer sure thinks so. **TRIBUNE FILE** 

# **PUCKLUCK**

#### Whizzer takes a shot at Hawks' 2011-12 record

#### By Whizzer REDEYE

My head hurts.

Predicting a full season of Blackhawks games is tougher than watching Jay Mohr host the NHL Awards. But I powered through with the help of my crystal ball, Red Bull and some Snausages.

Back when I did this for the Bulls, I said they'd win 50 games. They did better. So Blackhawks fans should like what I think the team has in store for Chicago after almost knocking Stanley Cup finalists Vancouver out of the playoffs in April.

Enough talk. Here now, my picks.

(A quick note, a win is a win in my book and a loss is a loss, whether it happened in overtime or not.)

DATE		IZZER'S EDICTION
Jan. 10	Columbus	L
Jan. 12	Minnesota	w
Jan. 14	at Detroit	L
Jan. 15	San Jose	w
Jan. 18	Buffalo	W
Jan. 20	Florida	w
Jan. 21	at Nashville	W
Jan. 24	Nashville	L
Jan. 31	at Vancouver	L
Feb. 2	at Edmonton	W
Feb. 3	at Calgary	L
Feb. 7	at Colorado	W
Feb. 10	at San Jose	L
Feb. 11	at Phoenix	L
Feb. 14	at Nashville	L
Feb. 16	at N.Y. Rangers	W
Feb. 18	at Columbus	w
Feb. 19	St. Louis	W
Feb. 21	Detroit	W
Feb. 23	Dallas	W
Feb. 25	at L.A.	L
Feb. 26	at Anaheim	L
Feb. 29	Toronto	W
March 2	at Ottawa	W
March 4	at Detroit	L
March 6	at St. Louis	L
March 9	N.Y. Rangers	W
March 11	L.A.	L
March 13	St. Louis	W
March 16	at Dallas	W
March 18	Washington	W
March 20	at Columbus	L
March 21	Vancouver	L
March 25	Nashville	W
March 27	at New Jersey	L
March 29	St. Louis	W
March 31	at Nashville	L
April 5	Minnesota	W
April 7	at Minnesota	W
April 7  OVERALL	at Detroit	L
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That neither should get free agents from Washington. Take bows, Soriano and

Considering it's like an \$18 billion deal, I'd throw in a small country or two. Ones with women.

season opener, if they play.

slogan should be "Wishing

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One day closer to the Bears'

Dunn.

If any deadlocks occur. a duel of Rock, Paper, Scissors will decide who

What should the day after the Crosstown Classic be called?

What did we learn about the

Cubs and Sox during the City

If you were negotiating, what

tual NFL deal?

would you slip into the even-

I'd arrange it so Bag Boy

about the NFL for one

would say only nice things

"The Hangover Part III."

Cubs: Castro's gonna cost a That something about it fortune. Sox: They can put makes everyone want to him at third base. punch A.J. Pierzynski.

A hefty fine for Twidiots.

The Post Classic Period. ...

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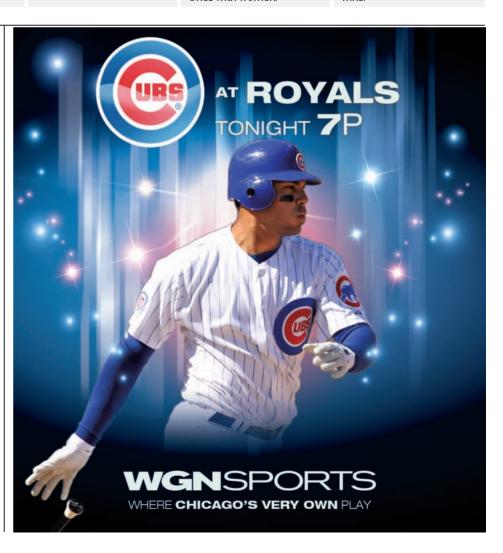
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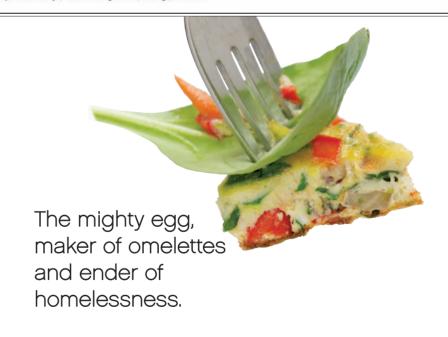








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#### **Nikola Mirotic**

Age: 20. Height: 6-10. Weight: 220.

Round: 1, 23rd pick.

Position: Forward, Real Madrid.

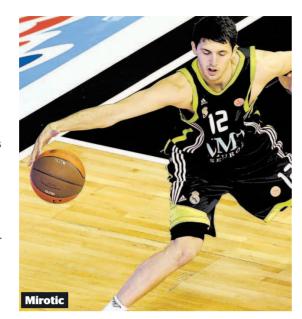
Upside: A stretch-the-floor big man, he is noted for his shot selection and quick release.

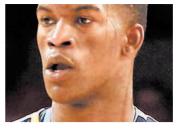
Downside: He's under contract until 2015. Needs

to add strength and isn't very quick.

Most resembles: Andrea Bargnani at best. Jason

Kapono at worst. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO** 





#### **Jimmy Butler**

Age: 21. Height: 6-8. Weight: 220.

Round: 1, 30th pick.

Position: Swingman, Marquette. **Upside:** Has improved his shot range and is considered a strong defender and rehounder

Downside: Doesn't create his own shot and doesn't have 3-point range.

Most resembles: Wesley Matthews or Ronnie Brewer.



« Defending Wimbledon champion Serena Williams (left) recovered from a poor start Thursday to defeat Simona Halep 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 and move into the third round. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO** 

» The Sky will lose an important part of their bench as quard Dominique Canty will be out at least three weeks after having arthroscopic surgery on her left knee, the team announced Thursday.

#### **GAME PLANNER**

**Cubs at Kansas City** 7:10 p.m. WGN

White Sox vs. Washington 7:10 p.m. CSN

Wimbledon 6 a.m. ESPN2



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# WKa!



Guess how many restaurants have opened in the past month. (Hint: a lot.)



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Conan O'Brien
reveals more
than a funnyman
in 'Can't Stop.'
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# ANATOMY OF PRIDE

# THE SIGHTS! THE SOUNDS! THE FEATHERS! EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SUNDAY'S MAIN EVENT

#### **By Tony Peregrin**

FOR REDEYE

If Halloween is the gay Christmas and the Oscars are the gay Super Bowl, as some people say, then the Chicago Pride Parade is the granddaddy of all high holidays, a hybrid of Carnival and Mardi Gras, with a little Valentine's Day love thrown in for good measure.

About 150 people marched in Chicago's first

pride parade in Washington Square Park in 1970, a year after the Stonewall riots in New York City, when gays and lesbians clashed with police outside a Greenwich Village bar.

The event has existed in some form every year since, with increasing crowds and media coverage. Crowd estimates first topped 100,000 in the '90s, and this year throngs are expected for the 42nd annual outing. That long history makes Chi-

cago's pride parade one of the oldest of its kind in the world.

If last year's turnout of nearly half a million spectators is any indication, this year's parade promises to be just as exuberant and spirited as ever with more than 450,000 people expected to attend. In an effort to help you navigate the dazzling spectacle of the parade, RedEye breaks down the festivities by the numbers.

Number of registered parade entries

2,000

Number of anticipated local and national attendees for Chicago's annual Black Pride festivals—Windy City Black Pride and Chicago Windy City Black Pride-SGL (SGL stands for "same-gender loving"). Events are held over the July Fourth weekend.

Number of teachers from the Chicago Teachers Union marching, a first this year

Number Number of entrants in Number of those of marchthe politicians category floats that ing groups are handparticipating made or rented Mayor Rahm Emanuel is scheduled to march in his first Pride parade since being elected.

Dancing cowboys appearing from The Windy City Cowboys dance group, one of a wide variety of performers

25-50 U.S. Peace Corps members scheduled to march, also a first this year

Number of lesbian cast members from "Real Housewives of Orange County" appearing as the grand marshal of the pride parade. (Fitness guru and gay rights activist Fernanda Rocha.)

VORTHAL The number of rainbow

pylons lining part of the parade route (Halsted between Belmont and Grace) Later this year four bronze plaques will be affixed to each pylon (88 commemorations in all), honoring significant events and people in LGBT history.

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Sexy 'True Blood' vamp Alexander Skarsgard gets around. page 43



#### 250 Number of

Number of grammar school-age kids and their parents marching from Nettelhorst Elementary; 30 kids and parents are marching from Chicago Waldorf School.

\$20,000

The city fee for clean-up, signage, towing, prep, etc.

### SECOND

This is the second year that the Annual Dyke March Chicago will take place in Chicago's South Shore community (Saturday). This is in compliance with the group's 2008 decision to keep the March in the same neighborhood for two consecutive years. The Chicago Dyke March Collective is accepting proposals for the location of the Chicago Dyke March for 2012 and 2013.

Number of couples who obtained civil unions in Millennium Park during a public ceremony earlier this month. Parade organizer Richard Pfeiffer said that although he doesn't have a specific entry for civil union couples, "some of them are involved with other groups and will be marching with them."



Number of professional baseball teams sending representatives







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#### pridefest



**Pride Fest** events keep the party going

#### **By Jessica Galliart**

Why wait until Sunday's Chicago Pride Parade to kick off the festive weekend? Get started with festivities Friday and keep it going all the way to Monday. These five events are just a taste of what to expect in the gayborhood and beyond.

#### **Backlot Bash**

#### Cheetah Gym parking lot

5238 N. Clark St.

Check out the expanded three-day outdoor party featuring female musicians. Friday features acoustic sets, while Saturday and Sunday festivities include rock performances and a cash bar. 5-10 p.m. Friday. 3-10 p.m. Saturday, 2-10 p.m. Sunday. \$10-\$15: backlotbashchicago.com.

#### 'Love Boat' party

#### **Avenue Tavern**

2916 N. Broadway 773-975-7000

Unearth that old sailor cap from your discarded Halloween costumes trunk for a nautical-themed party with Miller Lite drink specials, \$3 Shark Attack shots and male dancers. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday. No

#### Pride Block Party

#### **Lakeview Lutheran Church**

835 W. Addison St.

Keep your post-parade activities low-key at this neighborhood block party, which includes two drink tickets, food vendors and live music. 4-9 p.m. Sunday, \$5



#### Horseshoe

4115 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-1366

The weekly storytelling salon takes on a Pride theme with guests including a Joan Crawford impersonator, playwright Caitlin Parrish ("Twist of Water"), WBEZ host Allison Cuddy, Northwestern University professor Bill Savage and others. 3 p.m. Saturday.

### Pride North

Glenwood Avenue, between Morse and Lunt avenues

Head north on the Red Line to Rogers Park for a post-Pride Parade street fest, featuring live music by cover band Sixteen Candles, DJ Moosebox and DJ Voxbox. 4-10 p.m. Sunday.

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# FEST FRIDAY SERVICES

# Yo La. Tengo!

#### And more reasons to check out **Green Music Fest in Wicker Park**

#### **By Jessica Galliart**

How much eco-friendliness does it take to put on a killer street fest? Try seven local restaurants, a dozen bands, three breweries and lots of enthusiastic festgoers.

Now in its third year, the Green Music Fest moves from Ukrainian Village to the heart of Wicker Park, expanding its crafts and foodvendor options and touting a music lineup of indie favorites. Why should you go? We have three



**GREEN MUSIC FEST** 

#### **Damen and North avenues**

Time: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Cost: \$5 suggested donation Info: greenmusicfestchicago.com

It's really all about the music, right? Though each of the 12 acts on the lineup is worth checking out, synchronize your watches to avoid missing these acts. in particular.

**Blane Fonda** 

1:45 p.m. Sunday, South Stage

The Thermals 7 p.m. Sunday, South

Les Savv Fav

8:30 p.m. Sunday, North Stage



Yo La Tengo 8:30 p.m. Saturday, South Stage

Tip: Guitarist Ira Kaplan of Yo La Tengo will DJ at Big Star (1531 N. Damen Ave.) on Friday after the fest.

Rest assured that whatever you put in your mouth at this fest will be one of three things: organic, locally made or created by a restaurant that uses eco-friendly practices. Try a hot dog and tater tots from Subterranean and Beat Kitchen, falafel from El Souk, Greek eats from Georgie's Greek Tasty Food and more.

Check out the craft beer booth, stocked with brews from vendors such as Sierra Nevada, New Belgium and

Abita, which each have been lauded for environmentally friendly brewing efforts. You can drink to that, right?

## DID WE SNAP YOU AT A FEST?

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#### **FEST SCHEDULE**

Chicago Pride Fest Boystown

4-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday

#### Chicago Summerfest

Lincoln Park 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday

#### Randolph Street **Market Festival** West Loop

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

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# dining\_

# BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

#### By Lisa Arnett, Erin Brereton and Erin Sarris

Just as your summer social calendar is kicking into high gear, the dining scene is teeming with restaurant openings to add even more action to your nights out. From burgers in Andersonville to sushi in Lincoln Park and brunch in River North, there's plenty ready to be devoured.

NEW RESTAURANTS FOR YOUR RADAR (17!)



#### Brunch

644 N. Orleans St. 312-265-1411

Here's some not-so-surprising news: This River North cafe will serve brunch. During the week, it caters to 9-to-5-ers with a sit-down dining room, breakfast bar, carryout service and a shoe-shine station. Build your own omelet or skillet or share fun brunch bites such as chicken sausage and pancake corn-dog bites or potatoes done up nachos-style with salsa, cheddar and jalapeno cream.

### Delish Diner & Bakery

2014 W. Division St. 773-276-5200

From the same owners as Picante next door, this '50s throwback diner in Wicker Park churns out breakfast, lunch and dinner. Reborn from the bones of a former Jewish funeral parlor (with antique stained-glass windows still intact), you'll find nods to the old space on the menu, from the challah French toast to the eggs Benowitz, a bagel topped with lox, poached egg and hollandaise. Local bonuses: They're brewing Dark Matter coffee and serving granola from Milk & Honey down the block.

### The Black Sheep

1132 W. Grand Ave. 312-997-5100

The West Town restaurant that former Lockwood chef de cuisine James Toland announced last year under the moniker Gabba Gabba Hey has opened, only its final name inspiration comes from the popular idiom rather than the Ramones. Toland's whimsy and love for cooking with local, sustainable produce and meats shows through with funky dishes such as snails with apple, fennel and anise porridge or a "study of beets" with lemon marshmallow.





### Rustic House

1967 N. Halsted St. 312-929-3227

This sibling to Gemini Bistro from owners Jason Paskewitz and Ryan O'Donnell has taken up residence in the old La Trattoria del Merlo space in Lincoln Park. Flavorful American fare is the focus, with an antique French rotisserie on display in the dining room roasting a different special each day, from suckling pig to leg of lamb.

#### Heat

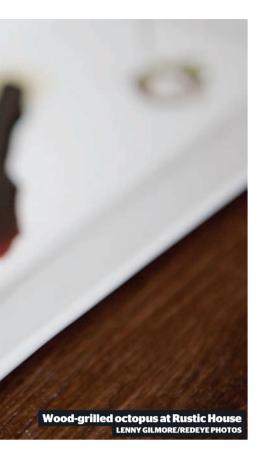
15701/2 N. Damen Ave. 773-384-4030

This new hot dog joint below Flash Taco in Wicker Parks fancies itself mcre gourmet than its predecessor, Underdogg. Chef and owner Ken Robinson, who tells us he used to cook for P. Diddy, doles out wild-game sausages such as shallot-topped wild boar and orange-laced duck with caramelized onions.

### THETICKER

Get more need-to-know dining news at chicago.metromix.com/ restaurants » Paris Club (59 W. Hubbard St.) has opened **Studio Paris**, its rooftop cocktail lounge with a retractable roof.

» Look who's got a food truck! Chef Paul Kahan tweeted photos of the truck that Wicker Park taco bar **Big Star** (1531 N. Damen Ave.) plans to put in action. » When **The Pump Room** (1301 N. State Parkway) reopens this fall, it will be named ... The Pump Room. Chicagoans voted whether the revamped legendary restaurant's name should be changed to Gold Coast Kitchen.



#### Sakura Teppanyaki & Sushi

730 W. Diversey Parkway 773-248-2882

At this combination sushi spot/Japanese hibachi grill in Lincoln Park, you can dine on a meal of maki or watch as your meal's cooked tableside. Bento boxes and a sushi sandwich—that's tuna, salmon and avocado surrounded with rice instead of bread— also are on the menu.

#### NoMi Kitchen

800 N. Michigan Ave. 312-239-4030

Executive chef Ryan LaRoche (formerly of Tru) mans the open kitchen at this rebooted version of NoMi, the Park Hyatt's seventh-floor restaurant. Though the white tablecloths are gone, the menu still offers plenty of ways to indulge, from the \$19 kobe beef burger to a \$160 roasted whole lobe of foie gras to pass around the table. In case you were worried, the terrace is back and stylish as ever.

#### Roots Handmade Pizza

1924 W. Chicago Ave. 773-645-4949

Thanks to the guys behind Wicker Park sports bar The Fifty/50, Chicago's getting a taste of Quad City-style pizza, with its malt-sweetened crust, long scissor-cut slices and toppings such as crumbled spiced sausage made on-site. To wash down that pie, 22-ounce spiked sodas and plenty of Midwestern craft brews should do the trick.

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#### **MORE OPENINGS**

Albany Park's **Dawali Mediterranean Kitchen** (1625 N. Halsted St. 312-944-5800) has opened a Lincoln Park location.

**The Burger Philosophy** (1545 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-944-0373) is grinding its own beef in-house in Andersonville.

Philadelphia-based coffee roaster **La Colombe** (955 W. Randolph St.) is due to open any day now in the West Loop.

**Tzatziki Grill** (2485 N. Clark St. 773-348-6262) is serving up Greek fare on the double in Lincoln Park.

Handmade caramels, imported sweets and retro candies straight out of your childhood abound at **Amy's Candy Bar** (4704 N. Damen Ave. 773-942-6386) in Rayenswood.

**Chick-fil-A** (30 E. Chicago Ave. 312-266-8888) opened its first Chicago location, in the Gold Coast.

Mostly carryout **Bun Mi Express** (3409 N. Broadway St. 773-661-2228) is all about banh mi sandwiches in Boystown.

On the frozen treats beat, **Lickity Split Frozen Custard & Sweets** (6056 N. Broadway Ave. 773-274-0830) is serving house-made custard in Edgewater, while **The Purple Cow Ice Cream Cafe** (838 W. Montrose Ave. 773-878-1430) is scooping ice cream, fro-yo and Italian ice just off the lakefront bike path in Uptown.









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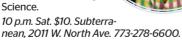
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City and Colour, Wednesday, Nov. 23 (\$27.50, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Cold War Kids, Gold Motel, Carbon Tigers, Katz Company, Rachel McClusky, Wednesday, Aug. 3 (\$26, 18+) at Metro.

**Crystal Castles, The** Naked and Famous. Thursday, Aug. 4 (\$25. 17+) at House of Blues.

\* Death From Above 1979, Metz, Thursday, Aug. 4 (\$26, 18+) at Metro

Delta Spirit, Reptar, Thursday, Aug. 4 (\$20, 18+) at Lincoln Hall

Mark Farina, Ken Ecb, Nate Manic, Saturday, Aug. 6 (\$10-\$20, 21+) at Smart Bar.

\* Fitz and the **Tantrums, Christina** Perri, Saturday, Aug. 6 (\$18, 18+) at Schubas.

Lil Wavne, Rick Ross, Keri Hilson,

Lloyd, Saturday, Aug. 13 (\$29.75-\$99.75, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

**Local Natives, Walk** the Moon, Friday, Aug. 5 (\$20, 18+) at Lincoln

\* Lykke Li, Foster the People, Friday, Aug. 5 (\$29.50, 17+) at House of Blues.

NOFX, Anti-Flag, Old Man Markley, Friday, Oct. 14 (\$24.50-\$26. 17+), Saturday, Oct. 15 (\$24.50-\$26, all ages) at House of Blues.

\* Portugal. The Man. Wve Oak. Friday, Aug. 5 (\$17-\$20,



#### **ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY**

\* Arctic Monkeys

WITH: Disappears, Saturday, Aug. 6 (\$32, 17+) at House of Blues.

21+) at Double Door.

\* Smith Westerns. Thursday, Aug. 4 (\$16, 18+) at Schubas.

⊁ Snoop Dogg, Friday, July 29 (\$49.50-\$55, 21+) at House of Blues

Ten Out of Tenn, Friday, Sept. 23 (\$17-\$20. 18+) at Park West.

**Two Door Cinema** Club, Grouplove, Saturday, Aug. 6 (\$20, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

The Vaccines, Tennis, Friday, Aug. 5 (\$15, 18+) at Schubas.

White Lies, Rival Schools, Saturday, Aug. 6 (\$17-\$20, 21+) at Double Door.

**ON SALE NOON FRIDAY** 

**Active Child, Com** Truise, Chad Valley, Friday, Sept. 16 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

Cymbals Eat Guitars, Friday, Oct. 21 (\$12-\$15. 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

Deadman Winter, Thursday, Sept. 29 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

Metronomy, Thursday, Oct. 27 (\$15, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Viva Voce, The Parson Red Heads. Monday, Sept. 19 (\$10. 21+) at Schubas.

#### ON SALE 10 A.M. **SATURDAY**

Bryan Adams, Saturday, Oct. 8 (\$38-\$78, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

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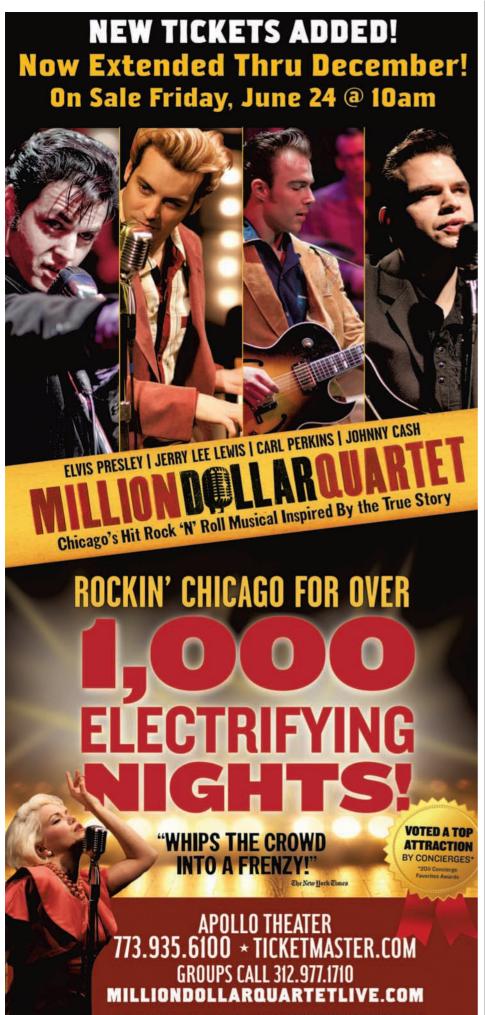
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@mmxmusic question of the week asked: What rock quitarist do vou think could actually melt your face off and why?

Here are some answers we liked from Twitter and Facebook. Follow @mmxmusic and watch for next week's question!

#### **TWITTER**

@dave berman Jason Mraz. I'm kidding, of course.... Unless he opened up the Lost Ark of the Covenant in front of me.

#### **MsShanBo**

Nancy Wilson of Heart! The opening of Crazy on You or Barracuda...come on. Guitar Goddess, for

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#### @tfletch2

Trev Anastasio of Phish. How do I know? Cuz I'm a survivor of many facemeltings from him over the years.

#### @alpalthegalpal

Eddie. Van. Halen. If you didn't get instantly pregnant off the opening riffs from "Hot for Teacher," listen again

#### @alexskjong

Yngwie Malmsteen. What do you think all that ridiculous iewelry he wears is made from? Faces. Melted.

#### @alroman84

Tom morello of course. He can make a guitar sound like face melting noises.

#### **FACEBOOK**

#### **Shea Jacobs**

Herman Li or Sam Totman of Dragonforce. If your face has not melted after seeing them, its probably because the flame was too hot and burned it right off.

#### Lisa Schulz

Dean Bernardini from Chevelle, Before the show. I asked him what his favorite song was off of their newest album. Sci-Fi Crimes. He answered with "Roswell's Spell" and when they performed it, he found me in the crowd, proceeded to rock out in my face, and threw his guitar pick at me. I melted.



#### **Omar Bautista**

Tom Morello makes the music sound so natural and life-like.

#### **Danny Cox**

Zak Wylde plays pinch-harmonics that only finely tuned robotic dogs can

hear. I'm fairly certain it's been the only thing preventing an alien attack in the last 20 years or so.

#### **Ryan Yepsen**

Jack White. If you need to know why, I suggest you purchase The White Stripes' Elephant and listen to (among others) "Ball and Biscuit." Straightforward blues/rock guitar to feed your soul and melt your face.

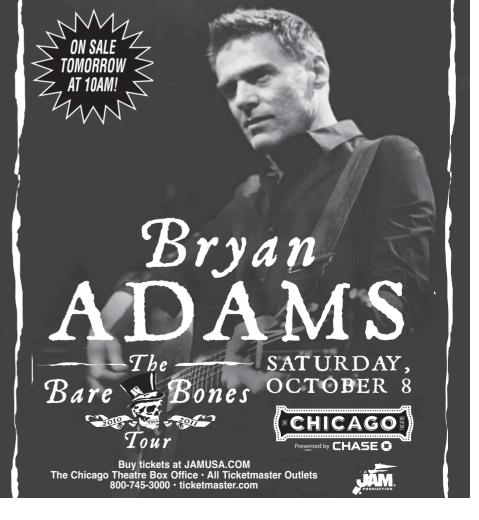
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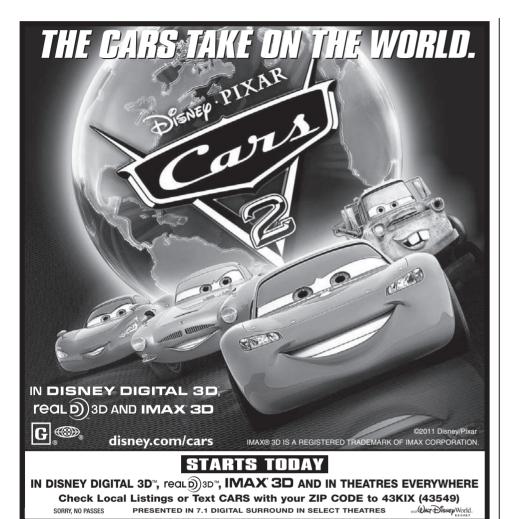
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# Nothing can stop this funnyman

Conan O'Brien Can't Stop (Not rated)



Once upon a time, a tall, orange prince got everything he wanted in his professional career until the big, bad network ogre and its prized, large-chinned stallion stabbed him in the back. The good news is that the prince, Conan O'Brien, spent much of the six months he was banned from TV touring the country as a musical comedy act.

**The buzz:** The challenge of making a documentary about the famous goofball's pre-TBS road trip will be to dig into the man's persona without just gleefully patting him on the back.

The verdict: Of course hanging with Conan for 90 minutes is fun. Plenty of people would be content to sit and watch the man do his taxes. The reason "Can't Stop" isn't just a chipper chronicle of a tour is because, really, the movie's soaked in anxiety and frustration. Conan's having a blast on stage, but he's totally exhausted by the constant need to talk-entertain-schmooze and inhibited by self-criticism that even he acknowledges results in a nasty sense of humor toward some of his colleagues. The movie may be limited to one time and one subject, but it demonstrates the thrill this effervescent personality gets from performing and what it takes out of this otherwise energetic, sincere talent. Conan may feel like a zoo animal, but the stage is his natural habitat.



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It's a good thing seventh-graders aren't that eager to learn: Their teacher, Elizabeth Halsey (Cameron Diaz),

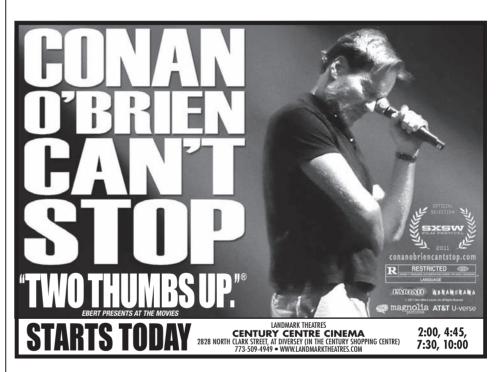
would rather smoke a bowl or embezzle money from an Illinois school to finance her planned breast enhancement. Also a priority for this foul-mouthed, unabashed gold digger: Keeping a rich substitute teacher (Justin Timberlake) away from an overachieving colleague (Lucy Punch) and deflecting the advances of a gym teacher (Jason Segel) because, well, he's a gym teacher.

**The buzz:** Yes, yes, Diaz and Timberlake used to date. Whatever. "Bad Teacher" could be a chance for "The Office" writers Gene Stupnitsky and Lee Eisenberg to atone for their obnoxious "Year One." Or it could be "Bad Santa" meets "School of Rock."

The verdict: Surprisingly likable for a movie populated exclusively by idiots and jerks.

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Cars 2

# Pixar runs out of gas

Zzzzz ... oh, sorry. Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) succumbs to trash talk from an Italian loudmouth (John Turturro) who fuels a meaningless rivalry. Meanwhile, McQueen's small-town best pal Tow Mater (Larry the Cable Guy) is confused for an undercover agent and embroiled in an international conspiracy tracked by a British intelligence officer (Michael Caine). Because nothing amuses kids like a Bond-esque espionage story their older relatives have seen 100 times before.

The buzz: Really, Pixar? I thought the studio that

brought us "Ratatouille" and "The Incredibles" was above the mistaken identity storyline.

**The verdict:** Imagination has taken a year off for the one-laugh, heart-free "Cars 2," which is beautifully animated yet packs no impact in the visual details. Pixar doesn't get a free pass for merely looking great. It hasn't needed one until now. "Cars 2" is an emotionally absent action flick that overcompensates for forgettable characters and oppressive, annoying car-related puns. I mean, Brent Musberger is Brent Mustangberger and London's Big Ben is Big Bentley, ha!

**Buck** 

It's not that people have horse problems; trainer Buck Brannaman says he specializes in helping horses with people problems. Brannaman spends nine months a year traveling around the country to teach four-

day clinics. And before you say "I don't care about horses," know that Brannaman won the respect of Robert Redford when serving as a consultant on "The Horse Whisperer."

The buzz: In a manner anyone can appreciate, director Cindy Meehl chronicles the abuse Brannaman suffered as a young boy at the hand of his father and how he grew to preach the importance of disciplining horses without abuse.

The verdict: Brannaman, a cowboy whose mental and physical skills deserve admiration, clearly sees himself in horses that have been treated badly and need proper encouragement to get their feet underneath them. "Buck" pushes its metaphors about animals mirroring people a little hard. It would be even more powerful with a deeper look at the development of horse training to show how revolutionary Brannaman's methods are. The beautiful "Buck" is a primer on emotion control—really, how much is ever accomplished when angry or bitter?—and the ways mammals shape mammals, whether the relationship is father-son or owner-horse.

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10:30 P.M.

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#### **GREEN LANTERN**

@miguelpedroza: Just watched "Green Lantern." More money was spent on marketing and special effects than making the movie any good. #Rental @jrrtubbs: Ignore the critics. Green Lantern is a totally enjoyable comic book movie! @baakrjacks: I really wanted to like #greenlantern because I like Ryan Reynolds but even he couldn't help this garbage dump of a movie.

@HarkiQuinn: Green Lantern was....a movie. Enough said. @shemoos: The green lantern had a slow beginning but was intriguing. Great effects and Blake Lively never looked hotter! Thumbs up!

@Criss4291: green lantern good graphics and some acting but should have been less focused on the love connection a bit. @vincentanzalone: Green Lantern: Reynolds=good irreverant anti hero. Funny moments,

sometimes predictable but fun

overall. Stay after the credits.



#### **MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**

**@othy:** Mr. Popper's Penguins?! More like Mr. Carrey's Albatross... **@starringbecky:** Mr. Popper's Penguins. Cuter/less lame than expected! Kids will love the (v. cute & realistic) CGI penguins.



#### SUPER 8

**@k8 j:** Super 8 = Stand By Me meets Cloverfield. If you've seen the former, see it. If you've seen the latter, skip.

**@vincentanzalone:** Super 8: Funny, good pacing and casting, cute message. Think a scarier E.T. Spielberg and Abrams have futures; ). Stay 4 credits.

@jr1prfessor: Saw the new x-man

#### **OTHERS**

first class movie it was better that expected. Told the story without being too heavy on the old stuff. @Britt Nicho: just saw #bridesmaids and I was not impressed. It was funny at times but it dragged on! @jamesamolnar: Francophiles & lit. enthusiasts will love "Midnight in Paris." The dialogue & characters are timeless. Literally. \*\*\*\*/5 @vincentanzalone: Tree of Life: almost walked out. I should have. See it if u want to be miserable & validate being unable to move on with ur life.

# Chicagoans romanticize a careless tragedy

Hopefully not based on a true story: A couple of Chicago college kids get drunk, decide to have sex on a dorm roof and fall to their deaths. Though he didn't know the students, Jonathan (Ian Forester) reaches out to their friends and relatives with only a vague explanation of, essentially, "This story doesn't sit right with me." Don't go looking for sympathy from people who are grieving, man.

**The buzz:** It's good to see a low-key, low-budget flick set and shot in Chicago with an actual storyline,

not just the typical, "Let's explore relationships by filming people doing the average things they always do."

The verdict: Yes, there's something strangely haunting about the notion of throwing caution to the wind in pursuit of passion that proves fatal. Yet "In Memoriam" positions Jonathan as a detective who ultimately gets to the bottom of nothing. His choice to film a re-enactment of the fateful incident—featuring some of the couple's friends

who were there—adds no context or understanding of how love-driven impulse can supersede sensible decision-making. In reality, people would have far more complicated emotions about playing themselves in a movie about a tragedy that they witnessed as it happened, no?

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# Swearing by 'Bridesmaids' success

#### **Los Angeles Times**

Hollywood's a notoriously cutthroat place, but the all-girl ensemble film "Bridesmaids" has cast a mysterious, uniting spell over women in show biz.

Weeks before the movie's May opening, female screenwriters, producers and actresses who had no connection with the R-rated Kristen Wiig film began beating the drums for it. Actress and writer Mindy Kaling ("The Office") asked her male fans on Twitter to take their girlfriends. Screenwriter Ellen Rapoport emailed her buddies, urging them to get out to the movie's debut. Writer-producer Kirsten Smith invited friends to a showing at the ArcLight Cinema in Hollywood-and even wore a bridesmaid dress.

"I took it too far," laughed Smith, best known for writing such female-driven material as "Legally Blonde" and "The House Bunny." "But it felt like something was afoot. It seemed like a political action. We needed the movie to succeed."

"Bridesmaids," which has grossed nearly \$140 million for Universal since its debut, isn't the only R-rated comedy that women in Hollywood are rooting for this season: Next up are the Cameron Diaz-starrer "Bad Teacher," opening Friday, and September's "What's Your Number?" starring Anna Faris.

Smith is developing another R-rated buddy comedy with Faris at Paramount and is about to shop another comedy with writer-actress Krysten Ritter.

Female filmmakers are hoping these movies, which center on flawed but empowered women behaving badly, will reverse a decadeold trend of reducing comedic roles for women to either the Type-A power suits too busy for love or girlfriends/wives determined to squash the boys' fun.

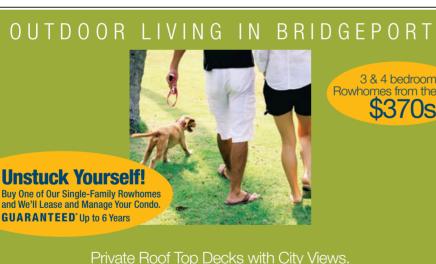
A key hurdle, though, to getting more female-driven comedies made is bringing the boys into theaters. While women often comprise at least 40 percent of the audience for male-driven comedies such as "The Hangover Part II," romantic comedies usually draw an opening-weekend audience that is 80 percent female, according to Adam Fogelson, chairman of Universal. The rather raunchy "Bridesmaids," though, drew a more balanced crowd, beginning with a 65 percent-35 percent female-male split. And, he said, the audience "certainly didn't get more female over time. It got older over time."

Previous attempts over the last decade at imbuing raunchiness into comedies starring women have fizzled. The 2002 film "The Sweetest Thing," which also starred Diaz, made just \$24 million, while "Spring Breakdown," with Amy Poehler and Rachel Dratch, never was released theatrically by its studio, Warner Bros.

"As an actress who's been pitching a few different R-rated comedies around town, there's always a lot of resistance, because the thought is that women don't want to see other women being raunchy," said Faris, whose "What's Your Number?" centers on a 30-something woman who's slept with a lot of guys and is reluctant to add another to her list even though she desperately wants to find love.

"It's baffling to me. Now, we've got a little armor with 'Bridesmaids.' It's amazing for us as women, and as people in comedy, we'll be able to use this as a great example of why there is an audience—a huge audience. People want to see women doing interesting things."





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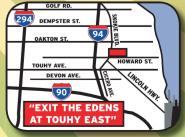
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#### **Los Angeles Times**

Playing an aloof, sexy Viking vampire sheriff on HBO's "True Blood" requires many things of Swedish actor Alexander Skarsgard, not least among them a willingness to endure long stretches of night shoots and a commitment to spend at least a certain amount of time in the gym.

Anyone who's watched the show, which returns for its fourth season Sunday, knows that virtually every major character is afforded plenty of screen time wearing not much at all.

But every now and again, the hit series, masterminded by Alan Ball and adapted from Charlaine Harris' novels, really takes a turn for the surreal—like in Season 3 when Skarsgard, who plays Eric Northman, and actor Allan Hyde, as Eric's vampire "maker" Godric, were hunting werewolves dressed like SS officers in a World War II-era flashback scene.

"At 7 in the morning, I'm hanging from the ceiling in a Nazi uniform with fangs in [my mouth]," Skarsgard said. "I look over and I see [Allan] there in his Nazi uniform hanging like a puppet. We're about to descend down to kill this wolf, you know? And that was the moment where we just looked at each other like, 'This is what we're doing for a living?'"

This, it would seem, is life at the center of a

pop culture juggernaut.

"True Blood" had its premiere in 2008, and by the beginning of its second season, the show about the supernatural travails of telepathic cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin) in fictional Bon Temps, La., had grown into a steamy, savvy and very adult vampire fantasy. An average of 13 million people watched each episode last season (that figure includes multiple airings and on-demand views), making it the most popular of HBO's current original series.

Fans, Skarsgard suggested, are seduced by Ball's signature brand of metaphor wrapped in lurid eye candy.

"It's sexy, it's wild, it's violent, but at the same time it's grounded, and it's about our society," he said.

"True Blood" developed a love triangle with the old-fashioned Southern gentleman vampire Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer) and the moodier Eric vying for Sookie's affections. In real life, Moyer got the girl—he and Paquin married last year—but Skarsgard, son of actor Stellan Skarsgard, has won a following for his chiseled good looks and the swagger and deadpan sense of humor he brings to Eric.

Fans soon will see a lot more of Skarsgard outside of Bon Temps. He's poised to make

the leap to the big screen with two films out this year: Rod Lurie's remake of Sam Peckinpah's controversial "Straw Dogs" and Lars von Trier's elegiac sci-fi meditation "Melancholia," which shot in Sweden and allowed him to work again briefly with his father.

In May, he'll star as a naval officer in "Battleship," Universal's big-budget action movie directed by Peter Berg and, yes, based on the board game.

With the continued ascendency of "True Blood," Skarsgard's public profile is only likely to grow. This season, Eric is at the center of the key storyline that sees witches rob the vampire of his memory, and he must rely on Sookie's kindness as he struggles to rediscover his true identity.

"It's a completely different side of Eric," Skarsgard said. "He doesn't know who he is, so all that baggage is gone—1,000 years of resentment and bitterness, the whole loathing humanity kind of stuff is gone. But there has to be an element of danger there still. I didn't want him to become too much of a little puppy. ... I don't think it would be fun to watch him for very long if he was completely emasculated."

» Read the full interview with Alexander Skarsgard at **redeyechicago.com**.

weird. That people want to discuss where I ate lunch or what I wear when I go to lunch ... the private life is just gone. That's a little tough. It's quite different in Sweden. We don't have paparazzi following you in Sweden. You're allowed to have a private life in Sweden in a different way."

 Alexander Skarsgard, who remains conflicted about the celebrity that accompanies Hollywood success

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# DNA doubles?

These celebs could pass for the long-lost cousins of famous families

#### By Ariel Alexovich | REDEYE

With news reports long claiming that NBC is strapped for cash, the network should consider manufacturing that Mom Translator featured in one of "SNI's" faux commercials. The handheld computer allows pop culture-savvy children to figure out which celeb their mom is referring to when she says something like "Champ Crawdaddy" (Chace Crawford). We feel for you, moms of the world. It can be crazy-hard to keep straight all the characters on "TMZ," especially when so many of them look eerily similar. So, until the Mom Translator actually goes on sale at mom stores (Ann Taylor), it may be easier for these stars to join the famous family they already resemble.







gang? "It's a little bit annoying, to be totally blunt," Zooey

(above, right) told MTV about her pop doppelganger. Oops



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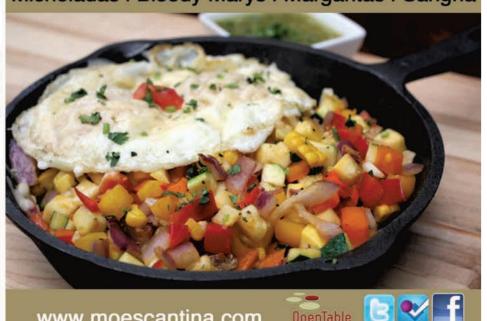
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#### Party of one

Even house arrest can't bring Lindsay Lohan down. The starlet was back in court Thursday after allegations arose that she had violated her probation by failing an alcohol test, **mtv.com** reports. She won't be doing any jail time, but LiLo has been restricted to one guest at a time at her home, and no parties. Way to be a bummer, judge.

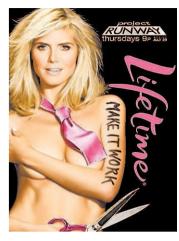
#### **Bieber-gate**

Loving Justin Bieber can be hazardous to your health. The Bieb was signing autographs outside a Macy's in New York when the crowd started getting a bit rowdy—and an undercover cop tried to save the day, tmz. com reports. For his trouble, the officer was roughed up by Bieber's security guard, who the cop then cited for disorderly conduct. Ouch.

#### Roasted!

"MasterChef" has been caught in the act. No, the show's chefs weren't copying recipes. Instead, the show used a shot during its opening sequence in which portions of an audition crowd were digitally replicated to make it seem bigger, **ew.com** reports. A spokesperson admitted to the gaffe and said it was "enhanced in post-production." Or the people brought along their clones.





## HOT DATE JULY 28

That's when Season 9 of "Project Runway" premieres on Lifetime, the network announced. Host Heidi Klum appears nude on the show's promotional poster, her breasts covered by her arms. "This is definitely sexier than past campaigns we've done for 'Project Runway,' " she told The Hollywood Reporter. "I guess you could say 'Hans and Franz' are celebrating season nine!"



#### **Big softy**

We're not bugging over the news that Lil Wayne might retire after "Tha Carter IV"—Weezy's been known to change his mind. But we were kinda touched to hear why he'd bow out: "I honestly think it's unfair to my kids," he told XXL. Sensitive thugs, you all need hugs.

